

THE OCALA BANNER.

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING ROSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

BRYAN ON CHRISTMAS.

The last issue of the Commoner, Mr. Bryan's paper, contained a beautiful article on Christmas, from which we make the following extracts:

"To the Christian, Jesus came as an unspeakable gift, his face illumined by a divine radiance, his life surrendered in fulfillment of a divine plan, his resurrection fixing in the firmament a star of hope that shall never be dimmed. But even those outside of the church, as well as its members, share in the benefit which humanity has received from the example and teachings of the Man of Galilee.

"If Jesus had left nothing but the Parables, his name would have been imperishable in literature; if he had bequeathed to posterity nothing but the simplicity of his speech and the irresistible logic of his argument, he would have had a permanent place among the orators of the world; if he had given to the world nothing but the commandment, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' enforced as it was by his own example, this one gift would have been sufficient to outweigh all the wealth of all the world; if he had left no record but the Sermon on the Mount, it alone would have made his natal day worthy of perpetual celebration—but all these added to the matchless majesty of a perfect life and the inspiring influence of an all pervading love, are turning the eyes of an ever increasing number to the path that he trod from the manger to the cross.

"Love was the dominating force of his life, and love is today the overwhelming impulse whose ebb and flow mark the retreat and advance of civilization.

"And love, too, sanctifies the Christmas gift. With it the merest trifle swells into an object of importance; without it the most expensive present dwindles into insignificance. Love is the alchemy which invests with priceless value all that it touches—the magic wand that converts the humblest cottage into a palace and gives to earth's pilgrimage a glimpse of paradise."

A Quart Baby.

Now and again there is an item in the newspapers concerning the birth of a puny baby so small that a quart cup holds it comfortably. If the article told all the facts it would probably tell also of a mother who in weakness and misery had looked forward to the baby's advent with shrinking and fear.

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From Sunday's Daily.

OUR SUNDAY SERMON.

By
THE EDITOR"PEACE ON EARTH,
GOOD WILL TO MEN."

It is now nineteen hundred and two years since the Babe of Bethlehem was born and there was heralded the proclamation, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

In turning over the musty leaves of the history of those eventful years, we find the record has not been a pleasing one.

No part of the civilized earth has yet learned, or, if it has learned, it has not yet begun to apply the first letters in the alphabet of the text that comes to us from the manger in the Judean stable.

Through the ages, with here and there an exception, the animating purpose of the followers of the lowly Nazarene has been that of conquest, pillage, rapine, exploitation and murder.

The lust for power and gold has bathed both hemispheres in blood.

In all the nineteen hundred and two years there was never a century nor a generation when in some part of the civilized earth the war drum was not heard—the dove of peace let loose from the ark could have returned unmolested and undisturbed.

On sea and land in all zones and latitudes, the very air has been rife with wars and the rumors of wars.

If the years B. C. had their Cyruses, Xerxes, Ulysses, Alexanders, Caesars and Hannibals; the years A. D. have had their Napoleons, Wellingtons, Grants, Weylers, Robertses and "Hell Roaring" Jake Smiths.

The sword and the cross have been joined in eternal companionship.

In 1492 a new world was discovered. It was but a little while before the skeletons of the aborigines bleached the land from shore to shore.

The great herds of buffalo that roamed the plains were not more remorselessly and inhumanly annihilated. The discovery was made about the time when the theory of the globular form of the earth was being most fiercely combatted.

When this hemisphere was discovered it was called "the other side of the earth."

The "fathers of the church" said there could be "no other side," because none was mentioned in the scriptures.

The luckless inhabitants of the western hemisphere were denied Adam's descent and were recognized as having no part in the scheme of salvation.

The land was seized with the uplifted crucifix and the guileless inhabitants were despoiled of their possessions by Apostolic authority.

The scenes of pillage, rapine and murder chilled one's blood with horror.

An extract from Draper's "Intellectual Development of Europe," vol. II, page 196, briefly tells the story:

"Their persons were next seized under the text that the 'heathen are given us as an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession.' It was an unspeakable outrage,

one unutterable ruin, without discrimination of age or sex. Those who died not under the lash of a tropical sun died in the darkness of the mine. From sequestered sandbanks, where the red flamingo fishes in the grey of the morning; from fever stricken mango thickets, and the gloom of impenetrable forests; from hiding places in the clefts of rocks; from the eternal snows of the Andes, where there was no witness but the all-seeing sun, there went up to God a cry of human despair. By millions upon millions whole races and nations were remorselessly cut off. The Bishop of Chiapa affirms that more than fifteen millions were exterminated in his time. From Mexico and Peru a civilization that might have instructed Europe was crushed out."

Among all civilized nations war is a part of the national economy. Large standing armies are maintained by forceful taxation. The Christian mother educates her child to become a soldier. The virtue of the military hero is extolled from the pulpit and from the time of Josephus to the time of Grant the "man in epaulettes" has been raised to place and power by the help of the church.

China is a heathen nation. She knew nothing of the destructive armaments of war and sought only to be left alone and for that purpose built a wall of seclusion around her dominions, but the Christian nations bombarded her forts and are now seeking only a pretext for "partitioning" her empire.

Turning her back upon the declaration enunciated in Philadelphia in 1776 and the words of the Christ that come to us from Bethlehem, the republic of the United States, with the uplifted cross and sword, is planting her flag on islands in distant seas and is governing alien races without their consent and in face of their opposition.

With bibles issued by the millions, with missionaries, like the electric wires, belting the globe, the Christian nations today are as rife for conquest and spoliation as were the Greeks and Romans, Huns and Tartars at the time of the birth of Christ.

At this very moment the great war ships of Germany and Great Britain are menacing the handful of people in Venezuela and if that republic was located in any part of Europe, Asia or Africa it would already have been the prey of conquest and its cities looted.

And while all Christian nations still look on approvingly at the "raffish front of war," inequalities of opportunity and riches that spring from the monopoly of the bounties of nature, is becoming more and more a part of the policy of these nations, and the pulpits ease their consciences by preaching against the little annoyances and frivolities of society—dancing and card parties.

Examined by the record, what think ye of the harvest that has been reaped by the followers of Christ?

ENDRY SPEER AS AN ORATOR.

This distinguished Georgian fairly set Buffalo, N. Y., wild with his address there last week before the independence club.

In describing the event the Buffalo Review says:

"As he took his seat the room resounded with cheers. The throng of men who had listened burst into spontaneous applause and, rising, they gave the southern orator an ovation the like of which is seldom witnessed in the cities of the north. For five minutes the cheering continued and after that the speaker received the congratulations of his hearers as they crowded around to grasp his hand."

It closing Judge Speer said:

"Think you, my countrymen, that when the military scientists of other lands are estimating the fighting strength of the American people, that while they count the hero boys in blue, they overlook the sons of that 'far flung, battle line' of gray, whose daring and constancy will live

in song and story to the remotest times? No, the glorious field of Gaudines, the ensanguined summit of San Juan, the winds that woo Manila bay, the waves that moan through the shot-riven hulks of Spain have told the story to the ages, that now and forever in its need every American heart is steered and every American arm is nerve to uphold in safety and in honor the flag of the freeman's home and hope."

A Good Recommendation.

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THE OLD CUSTOM PREVAILS.

Before the outbreak of the civil war Christmas to the slaves in the southern states very nearly approached the jubilee year among the Jewish people in ancient times.

A two weeks' holiday was given and the custom prevailed everywhere. All labor except for the care of stock ceased and the entire fortnight was made a festive occasion.

The slaves flocked to the towns. The patrol was called off and it was two weeks of merry making.

White boys paraded the streets on horseback in fantastic costume and every conceivable thing that could make a noise was brought into requisition. In the shooting of fire crackers and the display of fire works the fourth of July was entirely overshadowed.

Christmas in the southern states today shows that a custom is as binding as a law. Millions and millions of dollars worth of fire works have been shipped south this year and they are still found to be more salable than any other Christmas article.

The bigger the noise the happier the small boy.

All the towns in the southern states today are crowded with colored people. The common cares of every day life are laid aside and it is a season of unalloyed happiness for them as well as the white people.

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